

### Adult SS Classes

- No adult Sunday school; Tim Tjernagel sharing in Sanctuary

### MYF

- **TODAY** – Bible Study with Bryce & Abbey Shelman, 6:00-7:30 PM
- **May 5** – Bible Study with Gary Brose & Chad McClanahan, 6:00-7:30 PM



**This week please remember in prayer** Jacob & Kiley Leichty, Liam, Sutton & Vale, and Martha Widmer

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Opal Reschly (hearing), Melba Widmer (surgery recovery), Sheldon Miller (surgery recovery), Sandy Koehler (Kathy Roth's sister), Cindy Harms, Roni Stowers, Sharon Jennings (Brooke Kleese's grandmother), Randy Roth, Carol Long

**CPMC Prayer Request** Pray for the work of the Christian Formation Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they help us to be intentional and to think theologically about Christian formation for all ages.

**MMN Prayer Request** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jonah and Memee Yang, who minister in Thailand from a base in Minnesota. Pray for them as they travel to Thailand twice per year to teach Hmong and Thai students in Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey Program (Jonah) and through Mennonite Women's Sister Care seminars (Memee).

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Education \$1,587; General Fund \$700



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## **April 28, 2024**

We welcome all to this place  
for worship of God and for Christian fellowship.  
Let us worship God in spirit and truth,  
reaching out to one another in Christ's love.

9:15 AM: Sunday School  
10:10 AM: Fellowship Time  
10:30 AM: Worship

Live Stream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>  
<facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch>

**Worship Leader:** Lisa Graber  
**Song Leader:** Dana Oswald  
**Music:** Elyssa Graber

### **Gathering**

*WB 87 Great is the Lord*  
Welcome & Announcements  
Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*How Great is our God*  
*Goodness of God*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading: Joshua 4:1-7, 19-24, p. 151  
Message: Tim Tjernagel, "Remember!! And Remember Again!!"

### **Responding**

*Video: Never Walk Alone by Hope Darst*  
Offering: Home Missions & Coins for Camp (5/5 Home Missions)  
Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction  
*WB 102 To God be the glory (v.1 & chorus)*

Thank you to Mark & Linda Boshart for serving as ushers today.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Tamara Zechin
- Elder Lot Selection

## **SUGAR CREEK NEWS**

**Elder Nomination:** Dana Oswald and Lisa Graber are willing to accept the call to Elder. Please be in prayer as we prepare for the selection by lot on May 5. "The lot is cast into the lap, but the decision is the Lord's alone." Proverbs 16:33

**Extension:** Sugar Creek will be hosting a meal fundraiser to benefit MCC on May 22, 2024 from 5-7 PM. A free-will donation will be accepted. A sign-up for desserts and bars has been posted on the north bulletin board. For questions, contact Lori Miller.

**Fellowship:** Please sign up to provide cookies, or contact Vi: <signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-48304975-sugar>

**VBS:** Registration is open! <https://bit.ly/SCWMVBS2024> "Seekers in Sneakers" VBS will be June 3-7 from 8:30-11:30 AM. Check out the VBS bulletin board on the east wall of the foyer for sign-ups for rolls, cookies, and prayer partners. Thank you!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **TODAY**

- No adult Sunday school; Tim Tjernagel sharing in Sanctuary
- **4:30 PM:** Youth Baptism Class, MYF Room
- **6:00 PM:** Sunday Evening Bible Reading Discussion over Acts, Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share!

### **MONDAY, APRIL 29**

- **6:30 PM:** Anabaptist Conversation, MYF Room

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall

### **FRIDAY, MAY 10**

- Elders Meeting

### **SUNDAY, MAY 12**

- Graduation Sunday; no fellowship time

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room
- **7:00 PM:** WACO Baccalaureate, HS Gym

### **SATURDAY, MAY 18**

- **7:30 PM:** WACO Graduation, Football Field

**APRIL 28, 2024**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Central Plains:** Are you missing your brothers and sisters from Central Plains? You'll get to see them soon! Come to Wayland, IA on June 20-23 for Annual Meeting 2024. Our theme is "How can we know the way?" Children, youth, and adults welcome! Register by May 31 to get early bird rates! [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org)

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp:** Summer Camp registration is open! Visit our website now to see dates: [crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp-registration.html](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp-registration.html). Sugar Creek will cover half of registration fees, and the Early Bird discount is through May 2.

Join us May 4 for *CC Wild Mud Run and Walk*, our annual fundraiser to benefit our Summer Camp Fund. Don't want to run? New this year, we will be adding a walk for those who want to experience nature without the mud and obstacles. A free will donation lunch will be at 11:30 AM. Info & register: [crookedcreekcamp.org/ccw.html](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/ccw.html)

Join us for a weekend of intergenerational activities and fun at family camp, June 6-9! For more information and to register, visit our website: [crookedcreekcamp.org/family-camp.html](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/family-camp.html).

CCCC is looking for volunteer kitchen help for summer camp! Sign up for your preferred date and time. Thanks for your support in this way! [signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A729A3FDCF8-48436036-2024#](https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A729A3FDCF8-48436036-2024#/)

As summer approaches, we are still without a food service manager, yet have a full calendar of guests at the Retreat Lodge. That means that we need YOU! Gather your friends, Sunday School Class, cousins, or your college roommates to come cook for a weekend. We'll provide the menus, recipes and food--all you need to do is prepare and serve it to our thankful guest groups (without whom we wouldn't be able to offer Summer Camp). It will be fun! For more information or to volunteer, contact Amanda Bleichty or Heather Bender at 319-653-3611.

**Crowded Closet:** Mark your calendar for the Crowded Closet Association Meeting. The biannual informational gathering for all supporters of Crowded Closet is hosted by the Board of Directors. Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm. Crowded Closet Thrift Shop, 851 Hwy 6 E, Iowa City.

**Hillcrest: Touring Choir** - The Hillcrest Academy Touring Choir will be performing several concerts on campus and in local churches. Their theme, 'Lead with Love' encompasses the call for connection in a world much in need of Jesus' love. Their performances touch on themes of rising to God's calling and carrying His light in all situations. You will hear varied selections of spirituals, contemporary Christian, jazz, and maybe even a song about coffee! Their next concert is on Sunday, April 28 at 7:00 PM at West Union Mennonite Church. Check out the entire schedule at [hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2024](http://hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2024). The public is welcome at all performances.

**Kids Night at the Soccer Pitch** - On Monday, April 29 at 5:00 PM bring the whole family to watch the Hillcrest Ravens take on Highland. 5th-8th graders will get in free with their passes, along with one guest. There will be giveaways for kids of all ages. 5th-8th graders can sign up to play soccer during the halftime varsity game. Please sign up at [hillcrestravens.org/5-8events](http://hillcrestravens.org/5-8events).

**Junior/Senior Banquet** - This year's Banquet is on Saturday, May 4. The Promenade will take place at Upper Deer Creek Church at 6:00 PM. The school and community are invited to see students drive up and take pictures. Please park on the west side of the church, leaving the south side in front of the entrance available for the juniors and seniors vehicles.

**Iowa Mennonite Action:** Have questions about the conflict between Israel and Gaza? What is the geopolitical situation and whose interests are involved? Who benefits from potential breaches of international law in the Middle East? How do we respond? As someone who lives in Canada, Nathaniel De Avila has traveled through the Middle East multiple times and met with many organizations. He has carefully considered the issues. Mennonite Action invites everyone to hear De Avila on Tuesday, April 23 at 7PM in room A of the Iowa City Library. Come with your thoughts and questions. If you have any further questions about this event, please contact [beccahovde@gmail.com](mailto:beccahovde@gmail.com) or [wilmajane17@gmail.com](mailto:wilmajane17@gmail.com). You may find more information about the bi-national organization, Mennonite Action, at [www.mennoniteaction.org](http://www.mennoniteaction.org).

**Iowa Mennonite Historical Society:** Michael Zahs' presentation at the spring MHS meeting can be seen on YouTube using this link: <https://youtu.be/QflzWshzyiY>

**MCC:** MCC invites you to take the challenge: A month of climate actions for peace! Sign up to get your free calendar with a different climate action you can take each day in April. From learning to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Join the challenge as an individual,

family, church or small group. Sign up today for A Month of Climate Actions for Peace at [mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace](https://mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace)!

Earth Day Soft Plastic Recycling at MCC! April 22 is Earth Day and we invite you to start a new habit of recycling all soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch) at MCC Central States in North Newton! This is a NEW and ONGOING recycling project that we are highlighting for Earth Day. Volunteers will be on hand on Monday, April 22 at the warehouse to take your soft plastic recycling and answer your questions. But going forward, you can bring your soft plastic recycling to MCC any time, placing them in the marked bin outside the warehouse. Questions, please contact [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto:duaneunruh@mcc.org).

May 26-31: Restorative Justice Peace Camp for young adults (Chicago, Illinois) - This peace camp will dive into creative ways to implement justice in local communities. Learning from experienced restorative justice practitioners in Chicago, we will witness incredible ways that transformation is possible through restorative justice. Register today! [mcc.org/events/restorative-justice-peace-camp](https://mcc.org/events/restorative-justice-peace-camp)

**Iowa Peace Network:** Feel free to register and join these weekly recurring Zoom meetings:

- *Praying for Peace with Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP):* CMEP Invites you to join them in praying for peace in Israel and Palestine, Wednesdays 11:30AM-12PM CST. [cmep.org/wednesday-prayer/](https://cmep.org/wednesday-prayer/)
- *Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) Weekly Briefing:* CMEP is holding a weekly briefing of current news regarding the Hamas and Israel war, Thursdays 9-9:30 AM CST. [cmep.org/thursday-briefing/](https://cmep.org/thursday-briefing/)

**MCUSA:** Mennonite Church USA is pleased to announce that the 2025 MC USA biennial national gathering and leading faith formation event, Follow Jesus '25, will take place July 8-12, 2025, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. Shé Langley was named the new director of event planning. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/convention-details-director](https://mennoniteusa.org/convention-details-director)

Mennonite Church USA's Climate Justice Ministry is receiving applications for the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant, from now through June 15, 2024. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to assist MC USA congregations interested in forms of renewable energy. The term, "net zero energy," describes buildings or communities that generate enough energy to meet their own needs. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/green-energy-grants](https://mennoniteusa.org/green-energy-grants)

Spiritual director Lester Lind of the Mennonite Spiritual Directors Network reflects on the beginning of his calling and career as he prepares to retire. Read his reflections here: [mennoniteusa.org/reflections-calling-career](https://mennoniteusa.org/reflections-calling-career)

Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Mennonite Church USA's climate justice coordinator, visited West Union Mennonite Church, Parnell, Iowa, and spoke about climate change. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/rivels](https://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/rivels)

**Mom Café:** Join us the third Tuesday evening of every month from 6-7:30pm at Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church in Mount Pleasant. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tamara Zechin at 319-217-2456. Hope to see you there!

**Parkview Home:** Parkview Home announces a pancake breakfast fundraiser event on May 4, 2024 from 7-10 AM at the Fire Station in Wayland to provide urgently needed financial aid for Crystal Chunn. Crystal is a long-term CNA at Parkview Home. She is currently fighting her second round of breast cancer and is in need of monetary support for her current treatment and recovery plan. In addition to the pancake breakfast, an account for giving has been set up at Wayland State Bank in Wayland. Anyone can drop off their donations at the bank.

Parkview would like to extend an invitation to anyone with Piano playing ability to come in and play for the Residents. We have both an Organ and Piano adjacent to our dining room. We would love to have a noon meal-time piano playing session, once in a while, for the Residents enjoyment. Anything is possible and would be very welcome at Parkview Home. Please have anyone interested to call: 319-256-3525 and ask for Jerilyn Winga. Thank you.